



## RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH EDOGAWA CITY, JAPAN.

WHEREAS, Resolution 91-240, as amended by Resolutions 03-52 and 12-21, establishes guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("City") that govern the establishment of its sister city relationships ("Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that: shares a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship; offers educational and technological assistance to Honolulu's businesses, industries, and labor force; offers the exchange of ideas and solutions based on similarities in population size or character; or has common bonds that are mutually beneficial to the citizens of both cities; and

WHEREAS, to date, the City has established sister city relationships with more than 30 cities world-wide, which, because a large portion of Honolulu's population traces its roots to Japan, include relationships with multiple cities in Japan; and

WHEREAS, the presence, culture, and ethnic influences of the early Japanese immigrants to Honolulu have had a pervasive and permanent impact on the City, which can be seen in our food, art, culture, and population; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 *Race Reporting for the Asian Population by Selected Categories, Honolulu county*, Honolulu residents that identified themselves ethnically solely as Japanese constituted 15.7 percent, residents that identified as Japanese with one or more other race categories constituted 18.3 percent, and residents that identified as Japanese with two or more other race categories constituted 25.3 percent; and

WHEREAS, like Honolulu, Edogawa City is a popular international visitor destination as it is located within the Tokyo Metropolis of Japan, surrounded by water on three sides, is very scenic, and boasts a large seaside park, Kasairinkai Park, right on Tokyo Bay; and

WHEREAS, like Honolulu, Edogawa City is a popular surf spot in Japan and Edogawa City plans to create a beachfront hotel and resort area, similar to Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, Edogawa City, a city with a population of approximately 700,000, shares a multitude of common public policy goals with Honolulu, including the promotion of tourism and the desire to encourage diversity and hospitality, while balancing the preservation of the local culture and environment; and



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WHEREAS, in October 2018 a delegation representing the "Members' League of Edogawa-Honolulu Friendship Exchanges," organized by the Edogawa City Council to promote expanded and important exchanges between Edogawa City and Honolulu, visited Honolulu Hale; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that there are common concerns, and emerging, mutually beneficial bonds connecting Edogawa City and Honolulu that will serve as a strong foundation for a close and enduring sister city relationship, and that the guidelines and criteria for establishment of a new sister city relationship have been, and continue to be, met; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports establishing a sister city relationship with Edogawa City, Japan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu or the Mayor's designee is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Edogawa City to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sister City Agreement shall be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 91-240, as amended by Resolutions 03-52 and 12-21, and as may be further amended by Resolution 20-298, which sets forth guidelines on the establishment of Honolulu's sister city relationships; and



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 20-264, CD1

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Mayor of Edogawa City, Japan.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ann Kobayashi

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 14, 2020  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 20-264, CD1

Introduced: 10/14/20 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: BUSINESS, ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM

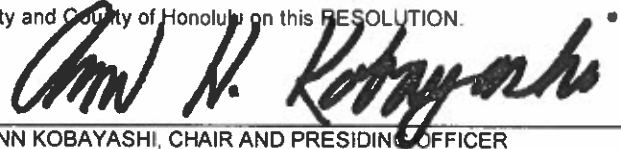
Title: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EDOGAWA CITY, JAPAN.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

10/20/20	BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM	RESOLUTION POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE. 3 AYES: KOBAYASHI (temporary voting member), PINE, TSUNEYOSHI. 2 EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA, WATERS.
11/17/20	BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM	CR-282 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM. 4 AYES: FUKUNAGA, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.
12/09/20	COUNCIL	CR-282 AND RESOLUTION 20-264, CD1 AS AMENDED WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TEXEIRA, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
GLEN I. TAKAYASHI, CITY CLERK

  
ANN KOBAYASHI, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER